

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

notifying means for notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition indicating a print shop area, which is the use condition to be notified being set according to an operation of a user operation using an operation page displayed on the user apparatus based on image information generated by said print management apparatus; the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

print shop information obtaining means for obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus as first candidates of print shops to be used for each of designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

print data forming means for forming single print data by using a user interface generated by a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition which is set according to the operation of the user, the user interface not including setting of the print shop area, and the print condition being different from the use

condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

judgment extracting means for analyzing extracting print shops having a print ability satisfying the print condition of the single print data formed by said print data forming means, and automatically judging whether each of as second candidates to be used for the print order of the single print data from the plurality of print shops included in the print shop information obtained as the first candidates in advance by said print shop information obtaining means can print said single print data, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

selection means for selecting, in accordance with a user operation, [[a]] one print shop to order print processing of said single print data formed by said print data forming means, from among the print shops judged extracted as the second candidates by said judgment extracting means as the print shops which can print the formed print data; and

print order forming means for forming a print order, including the designation of the selected print shop.

21. to 23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for processing information between a user apparatus and a print management apparatus through communication via a network,

wherein said print management apparatus comprises:

print shop information searching means for searching for information of a plurality of print shops based on a received use condition indicating a print shop area; and

print shop information transmitting means for transmitting the print shop information searched by the print shop information searching means to said user apparatus, and

wherein said user apparatus comprises:

notifying means for notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition indicating a print shop area, which is the use condition to be notified being set according to an operation of a user operation using an operation page displayed on the user apparatus based on image information generated by said print management apparatus; the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

print shop information obtaining means for receiving, from the print shop information transmitting means, the print shop information for the plurality of print shops searched by the print shop searching means each satisfying the notified use condition, as first candidates of print shops to be used for each of designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

print data forming means for forming single print data by using a user interface generated by a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the user interface not including setting of the print shop area, and the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

judgment extracting means for analyzing extracting print shops having a print ability satisfying the print condition of the single print data formed by said print data forming means, and automatically judging whether each of as second candidates to be used for the print order of the single print data from the plurality of print shops included in the received print shop information received as the first candidates by said print shop information obtaining means can print said single print data, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

selection means for selecting, in accordance with a user operation, [[a]] one print shop to order print processing of said single print data formed by said print data forming means, from among the print shops judged extracted as the second candidates by said judgment extracting means as the print shops which can print the formed print data; and

a print order forming means for forming a print order, including the designation of [[a]] the selected print shop.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a notifying step of notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition indicating a print shop area, which is the use condition to be notified being set according to an operation of a user operation using an operation page displayed on the user apparatus based on image information generated by said print management apparatus; the

use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus as first candidates of print shops to be used for each of designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

a print data forming step of the user apparatus forming single print data by using a user interface generated by a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the user interface not including setting of the print shop area, and the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

a judgment an extracting step of analyzing extracting print shops having a print ability satisfying the print condition of the single print data formed in said print data forming step, and automatically judging whether each of as second candidates to be used for the print order of the single print data from the plurality of print shops included in the print shop information obtained as the first candidates in advance in said print shop information obtaining step can print said single print data, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

a selection step of the user apparatus selecting, in accordance with a user operation, [[a]] one print shop to order print processing of said single print data formed in said print data forming step, from among the print shops judged extracted as the second

candidates in said judging extracting step as ~~the print shops which can print the formed~~
print data; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming a print order,
including the designation of the selected print shop.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable control method executed
by a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network,
comprising:

a notifying step of notifying said print management apparatus of a use
condition indicating a print shop area, which is the use condition to be notified being set
according to ~~an operation of a user operation using an operation page displayed on the user~~
apparatus based on image information generated by said print management apparatus; the
~~use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a~~
print apparatus is located;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining, in
advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying the notified
use condition, from said print management apparatus as first candidates of print shops to be
used for each of ~~designated by~~ respective print orders of a plurality of print data different
from each other;

a print data forming step of the user apparatus forming single print data by
using a user interface generated by a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in

accordance with a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the user interface not including setting of the print shop area, and the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

a judgment an extracting step of analyzing extracting print shops having a print ability satisfying the print condition of the single print data formed in said print data forming step, and automatically judging whether each of as second candidates to be used for the print order of the single print data from the plurality of print shops indicated by the print shop information obtained as the first candidates in advance in said print shop information obtaining step can print said single print data, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

a selection step of the user apparatus selecting, in accordance with a user operation, [[a]] one print shop to order print processing of said single print data formed by said print data forming step, from among the print shops judged extracted as the second candidates in said judgment extracting step as the print shops which can print said single print data; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming a print order, including the designation of [[a]] the selected print shop.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein each of the ~~use~~ print condition and the print ability includes at least one of a page size, a media type, a page layout and a finishing option.

30. (Canceled)